

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants amended their specification to incorporate the lineage of this U.S. National Phase Application.

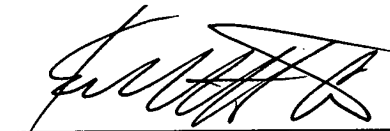
Applicants revised certain of the dependent claims to avoid improper multiply dependent claims.

This PCT U.S. National Phase application includes inventor Izumi OKAJIMA and the transmittal of the Notification of Change of Person to add inventor OKAJIMA (US only) was filed with the International Bureau of WIPO on December 14, 2005.

Favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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